

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of the Southern California Water Company (U 133 W) for an order authorizing it to increase rates for water service by \$18,972,300 or 24.17% in 2006; by \$1,534,500 or 1.57% in 2007; and by \$1,493,900 or 1.50% in 2008 in its Region III Service Area.

Application 05-02-004  
(Filed February 1, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
SETTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS  
AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE**

In this proceeding, Southern California Water Company (SCWC) requests authority to increase rates charged for water service to its Region III customers. The requested increases are for the years 2006, 2007, and 2008. The Commission will hold three Public Participation Hearings to accept public comments on SCWC's proposed rate increases.

The Public Participation Hearings are set for the following dates and locations:

**Apple Valley  
July 11, 2005  
2 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
Town of Apple Valley Council Chambers  
14955 Dale Evans Parkway  
Apple Valley, California**

**Placentia**

**July 13, 2005**

**2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

**Placentia City Hall Council Chambers  
401 East Chapman Avenue  
Placentia, California**

**San Dimas**

**July 14, 2005**

**2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

**San Dimas City Hall Council Chambers  
245 East Bonita Avenue  
San Dimas, California**

Members of the public who wish to present comments at the Public Participation Hearings may address issues related to SCWC's request for authority to increase rates charged for water service in its Region III.

SCWC shall provide notice to its customers of the Public Participation Hearing no less than 10 days prior to the hearings. It shall send written notices, in a form approved by the Public Advisor's Office, either by including them with customers' regular bills, or by mailing them postage prepaid directly to customers. To the extent that any customers are billed electronically via the Internet, notice to those customers may also be done electronically.

Anyone who needs assistance with participation in this proceeding should make use of the resources of the Commission's Web site, [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov), or should contact our Public Advisor's Office, which is available to help parties understand how to participate in a proceeding, how to file a pleading, and to answer other questions about Commission procedure. The Northern California office can be reached at 415-703-2074 or [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov). The

Southern California office can be reached at 213-576-7055 or  
public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

SCWC will provide a company representative at the Public Participation Hearings to make a brief opening statement and be available to address comments or concerns expressed by attendees. The Office of Ratepayer Advocates will also provide a representative to make a brief presentation of its position on SCWC's proposed rate increase.

SCWC will provide to the Public Advisor's Office not later than five days prior to the first Public Participation Hearing, a letter certifying that it has complied with the customer notice requirement. The compliance letter shall state the date(s) notices were sent to customers and the approximate number of customers so notified. One copy of the actual notice used shall be attached.

**IT IS SO RULED.**

Dated June 13, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MARIBETH A. BUSHEY

Maribeth A. Bushey  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties for whom an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Public Participation Hearings and Requiring Customer Notice on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated June 13, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

Ke Huang

**N O T I C E**

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to ensure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

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The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.